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mittee were so limited that even very important measures had to be put off. In these circumstances, the Town Improvement Committee could not be expected to provide the requisite water-supply for purposes of drainage. He prayed that Government might be pleased to take early steps for the supply of water to the town and that no more masonry drains be constructed without first having the means for flushing them.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

NEYYATTINKARA TALUK.

116. *Improvement of the Kannipurathu kadavu.*

Mr. P. Kesava Pillai (Member, Neyyattinkara Taluk) requested that the Kannipurathu kadavu near the Neyyattinkara satrom might be improved. In its present state, the kadavu was dangerous and caused inconvenience to the people of Perunkadavila, Kunnathukal and other pakuthies as well as to those resorting to the satrom.

Dewan's reply.—An estimate is being prepared by the Public Works department.

NEDUMANGAD TALUK.

117. *Improvement of irrigation tanks.*

Mr. Mathevan Pillai (Member, Nedumangad Taluk) said that, owing to the neglected condition of the irrigation tanks, there was frequent failure of crops in the taluk. Both the ryots and the Government suffered in consequence. He requested that, till the existing irrigation tanks were restored, Government might be pleased to sanction annual allotments for the taluk and added that, after repair, the ryots would themselves see to their proper maintenance.

Mr. K. Appathura Iyer (Member, Nedumangad Taluk) supported the previous speaker.

Dewan's reply.—I shall give the matter my careful consideration.

CHIRAYINKIL TALUK.

118. *Removal of the silt at the mouth of the Vamanapuram river.*

Mr. K. N. Parameswaran Pillai (Member, Chirayinkil Taluk) said that the grievances of the ryots, owing to the absence of proper arrangements for the prompt removal of the silt which accumulated at the mouth of the Vamanapuram river, had been represented at the previous sessions of the Assembly. The river joined the sea at the Anjengo backwater and the frequent accumulation of silt affected the cultivation of lands in six proverthies of the Chirayinkil taluk and of two proverthies of the Trivandrum taluk. A sum of Rs. 50 used to be annually provided for the

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